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Letter dated 17 August 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of a statement released on 15 August 2015 by a spokesperson of the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea with regard to the United States and south Korea joint military exercise, the so-called "Ulji Freedom Guardian", to be conducted against the DPRK (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 32, and of the Security Council.

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Statement issued on 15 August 2015 by a spokesperson of the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Pyongyang, 15 August — A spokesperson for the National Defence Commission of the DPRK issued the following statement on 15 August 2015:

The further Ulji Freedom Guardian joint military exercises are intensified, the strongest military counteraction the DPRK will take to cope with them.

The gravity of Ulji Freedom Guardian, which would kick off on 17 August, lies in mounting a surprise pre-emptive attack on the DPRK by mobilizing the "south Korea-US joint division" with a mission to "eliminate the headquarters" and "occupy Pyongyang" and all war means for aggression at home and abroad and deploying all operation command posts.

The army and people of the DPRK are no longer what they used to be in the past when they had to counter the US nukes with rifles.

The DPRK is the invincible power equipped with both the latest offensive and defensive means unknown to the world, including nuclear deterrence.

The US had better make the bold political decision of rolling back its anachronistic DPRK policy.

By doing so, it can ensure the security of its mainland facing the DPRK's strongest counteraction.

The US should keenly realize that the harsher sanctions and blockade it slaps against the DPRK and the more desperately the US is working to stifle it, the more strongly it will retaliate against the US with tremendous muscle.

It is the inevitable truth that the force of justice gets stronger than that of injustice.

It is necessary for the US to seriously recollect its proverb that it is only the corpse and the fool that refuse to face up to the trend of the times.

It is the only way out for the US for improving its deplorable position to make a switchover in its hostile policy towards DPRK.

Always miserable is the end of the war maniacs.